

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
Broadband Initiatives Program**

**Workshops**

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will conduct - between July 7 and July 24, 2009 - the first series of public workshops about the application process for \$4 billion in broadband grants and loans under the Recovery Act. Workshops will include an overview of BTOP-BIP programs, a review of the application process for NTIA and RUS grants and loans, and individual meetings with Rural Development headquarters and field staff.

Pre-registration for all workshops is available online at [www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov) or by faxing the attached form. A Welcome Reception is held from 6pm-9pm the evening before each workshop. Registration also is available at the Welcome Reception and throughout the day of each event. All workshops run from 8am - 5:30pm local time.

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